

PROTECTIVE COAT

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Description. The following shall replace Article 503.19 of the Standard Specifications.

503.19 Protective Coat Application. A protective coat shall be applied to the entire top surface of bridge decks, sidewalks, hubguards, and the top and inside vertical faces of sidewalk parapets, end posts, and wings when the concrete is at least 14 days old. This work shall be performed after saw cut grooving, and before the bridge deck is marked and opened to traffic.

Before the protective coat is applied, the concrete surface shall have at least a 48-hour drying period since the last rain and shall be cleaned to remove all oil, grime, and loose particles which would prevent the mixture from penetrating the concrete. Immediately prior to application of the protective coat, the surface shall be blown with oil-free compressed air.

The protective coat shall consist of two applications of the mixture and each application shall be at a rate of 50 sq yd/gal (11 sq m/L) or less.

The protective coat shall be sprayed on the surface using hand methods or with a mechanical spraying machine which will perform the work in a satisfactory manner. The spray nozzle(s) shall be within 18 in. (450 mm) of the concrete or as directed by the Engineer. The interior of the distributor tank shall be thoroughly cleaned prior to placing the protective coat therein. Unless otherwise directed by the Engineer, the temperature of the concrete and air shall be 40 °F (4.4 °C) or higher at the time of application.

The second application of the protective coat shall be made when, in the opinion of the Engineer, the concrete has regained its dry appearance.

Traffic shall be prohibited from the area until the concrete has regained its dry appearance.

If an application of sand is required by the Engineer for blotter material, it will be paid for according to Article 109.04.

CAUTION: Linseed oil – petroleum spirits mixture has a low flash point and is readily flammable.

At the Contractors option a concrete sealer may be substituted for the boiled linseed oil protective coat. The concrete sealer shall be according to Section 1026, except the sealer shall be one of the products allowed for bridge decks. For the concrete sealer, the concrete surface shall be prepared as required for the boiled linseed oil protective coat. The concrete sealer shall be applied per the manufacturer's instructions, and information provided in the approved list.